



12-10-04

IFW

Atty. Dkt. No. 025948-0158

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Frank M. Keese et al.

Title: BELTS WITH INTEGRAL
FLIGHTS FOR USE IN HIGH-
TEMPERATURE FOOD
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT
AND SYSTEMS INCLUDING
SUCH BELTS

Appl. No.: 10/796,534

Filing Date: 03/09/2004

Examiner: Loney, Donald J.

Art Unit: 1772

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service's "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

EV 459170080 US

(Express Mail Label Number)

12/9/04

(Date of Deposit)

Carolyn Simpson

(Printed Name)

Carolyn Simpson
(Signature)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. PTO in parent application Serial No. 09/608,649, filed 06/30/2000. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent application.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

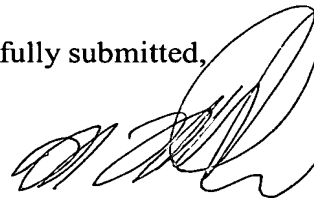
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,



Date December 9, 2004

By _____

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 26371
Telephone: (414) 297-5839
Facsimile: (414) 297-4900

Marcus A. Burch
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 52,673



Respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Attorney Docket Number | 025948-0158 |
|------------------------|-------------|

001.1743622.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: December 9, 2004 <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | Complete if Known | |
| | | Application Number | 10/796,534 |
| | | Filing Date | 03/09/2004 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Frank M. Keese |
| | | Group Art Unit | 1772 |
| | | Examiner Name | Donald J. Loney |
| | | Attorney Docket Number | 025948-0158 |
| Sheet | 2 | of | 3 |

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ⁶ |
| | A26 | Google Patent Search for "Fluoroelastomer" or "Fluoroelastomers" or "Viton" or "Fluorel" and "chevron" et al. printed from website www.google.com on 9/22/04, 1 page. | |
| | A27 | USPTO Patent Database Search for "Silicone" or "Urethane Rubber" or "Fluoropolymer" or Fluoroplastic or Fluoroelastomer, printed from website patft.uspto.gov on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A28 | USPTO Patent Database Search for "Silicone Rubber" or "Urethane Rubber" or "Fluoropolymer" or Fluoroplastic et al., printed from website patft.uspto.gov on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A29 | USPTO Patent Database Search for "Silicone Rubber" or "Urethane Rubber" or "Fluoropolymer" or Fluoroplastic or Fluoroelastomer et al., printed from website patft.uspto.gov on 9/22/04, 3 pages. | |
| | A30 | Elastomer Conveyor Belts, Ammeraal Beltech, January 2002, 8 pages. | |
| | A31 | Belt Design Catalog, F.N. Sheppard & Co., 51 pages. | |
| | A32 | F. N. Sheppard & Co. Catalog, Copyright 2000, 49 pages. | |
| | A33 | Urethane and Silicone Covers, Beltservice Corporation, printed from website www.beltservice.com on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A34 | Light Weight Thermoplastic Belting, Beltservice Corporation, printed from website www.beltservice.com on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A35 | Chevron Cleated Belting, Beltservice Corporation, printed from website www.beltservice.com on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A36 | Cleated Belting, Beltservice Corporation, printed from website www.beltservice.com on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A37 | More Conveyor Belts, J.A. Emilius & Sons, printed from website www.emilius.com on 9/21/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A38 | Light Duty Conveyor Belts, Dynamic Rubbers Ltd., printed from website www.dynamicrubbers.com on 9/21/04, 3 pages. | |
| | A39 | Special Purpose Belts, Dynamic Rubbers Ltd., printed from website www.dynamicrubbers.com on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A40 | Conveyers, printed from website www.Foodex.Org.Uk on 9/20/04, 2 pages. | |

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Examiner Signature | Date Considered |
|--------------------|-----------------|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: December 9, 2004 <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | Complete if Known | |
| | | Application Number | 10/796,534 |
| | | Filing Date | 03/09/2004 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Frank M. Keese |
| | | Group Art Unit | 1772 |
| | | Examiner Name | Donald J. Loney |
| | | Attorney Docket Number | 025948-0158 |
| Sheet | 3 | of | 3 |

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ⁶ |
| | A41 | Product Data – Grabber, Habasit AG, October 29, 2002, 5 pages. | |
| | A42 | Lightweight Belts, printed from website www.skellerup.co.nz on 9/21/04, 3 pages. | |
| | A43 | Chrome-Leather, Viton, Correx, Linatex, Polythan D44, Product Catalog, BREC Zahnriemen, printed from website http://mulco.cadclick.de on 9/22/04, 3 pages. | |
| | A44 | Celloflex, HV1 foil, compound coatings, Product Catalog, BREC Zahnriemen, printed from website http://mulco.cadclick.de on 9/22/04, 2 pages. | |
| | A45 | Conveyor Belting, Goodyear Rubber Products Corp, printed from website www.goodyearinternational.com on 9/21/04, 4 pages. | |
| | A46 | Industrial Belting, 21 st Century Technologies of America, Inc., printed from website www.team21st.com on 9/21/04, 4 pages. | |
| | A47 | Google Patent Search for “+silicone+conveyor+belt+(ribs or cleats or chevrons or flighted)” et al. printed from website www.google.com on 9/21/04, 1 page. | |
| | A48 | Letter from Carponelli & Krug, 230 West Monroe Street, Suite 250, Chicago, IL, 60606, dated 10/06/2004, regarding U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0109986/A1. | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.